

Community Outreach/ Awareness

- Involvement in collaborative community events, children's events, public awareness activities and parades.
- Distribution of pinwheels as part of the national Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign to help build awareness about child abuse and neglect during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Pinwheels are the national symbol of child abuse prevention.



"Each of our programs and services exists in response to a need in our region. Every day, we work hard to build communities where children are free from abuse and neglect."

Suzanne Greenberg
CAN Council President/CEO



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stop child abuse
and neglect.

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Programs & Services



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Founded in 1979, the CAN Council is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through education, awareness, intervention and advocacy. This brochure provides an overview of our many programs and services.

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

- Provide a safe, supportive environment for children who may have been physically or sexually abused or have witnessed a violent act.
- Specially trained forensic interviewer talks to the child about what happened while a multidisciplinary team, including law enforcement and Children's Protective Services, observes the interview on a closed-circuit television or through a one-way mirror.
- Child can be examined by a specially trained nurse or doctor in a child-friendly environment, as opposed to the emergency room.
- Child abuse professionals work as a team to share information and coordinate a response that best meets the needs of the child and family.
- Referrals for the child and family for counseling, support services and follow-up throughout the process.

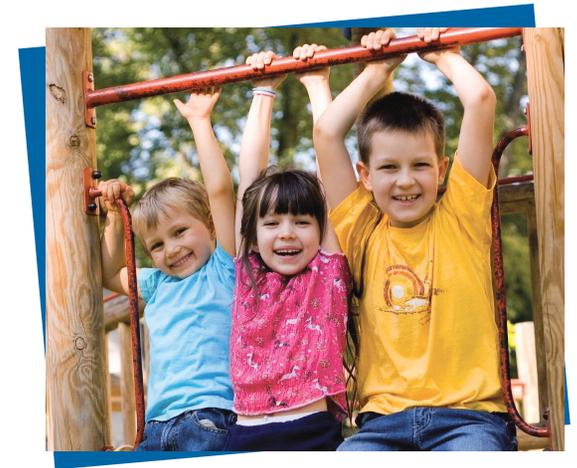
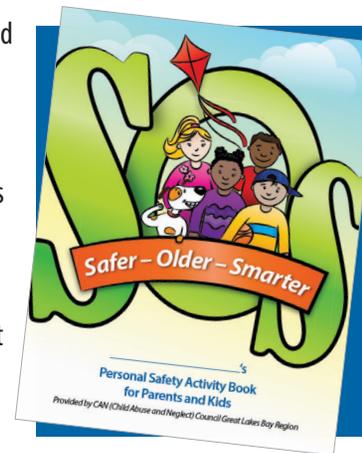


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Child Abuse Prevention Education (CAPE)

- State-Mandated Reporter Training workshop educates people about recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.
- Safer Older Smarter (SOS) program teaches second-grade students about personal safety.
- Safe Baby uses infant simulators to educate students on fetal alcohol syndrome, safe sleep and shaken baby syndrome.
- Great Start University offers free parenting programs to any parent, grandparent or caregiver that has contact with a child between the ages of 3 and 18.
- Sexting – Penalties and Consequences teaches teenagers about the legal penalties and social embarrassments of sexting.
- Presentations teach parents how to protect their children from predators.



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

- Highly trained volunteers serving as the voice for children in the system due to abuse or neglect.
- CASAs research a case, assess the facts, identify key problems and submit court reports. They also attend hearings, provide insight to the judge and recommend actions in the child's best interest.

